SENATE RESOLUTION 51 By Ford J

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Mardest Knowles VanHooks for her meritorious service as a leader of the Memphis religious community.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected representatives of the state of Tennessee should pause to pay tribute to those exemplary citizens who have given unselfishly of themselves, their time and their talents to perpetuate the public good; and

WHEREAS, Missionary Mardest Knowles VanHooks is one such remarkable public servant, a voice of intelligence in religious circles in Memphis; and

WHEREAS, a long-time resident of the city, Mardest Knowles VanHooks is an active member of the Calvary Church of God in Christ, where she lends her time and noteworthy talents admirably as a Sunday School teacher, choir member, Bible Band member and as a conductor of the Friday night worship service; and

WHEREAS, this inimitable public servant is a missionary with the Tennessee fifth jurisdiction, an administrative assistant to State Mother, and is one of the teachers for the Tennessee Five School, and during her tenure there has proven to be a valuable asset to the school and its participants; and

WHEREAS, throughout her distinguished service to the church, Mardest Knowles

VanHooks has exemplified sainthood; she is a role model in her professional and Christian life,
adhering to the common sense approach and has displayed the common touch in all
endeavors, working well with old and young alike; and

WHEREAS, a mathematics teacher at Craigmont Jr./Sr. High School, Missionary VanHooks is widely respected and admired by students and fellow teachers alike; and

WHEREAS, Missionary VanHooks also lends her incredible talents as a member of the Memphis Education Association, the Tennessee Education Association and the National Education Association; and

WHEREAS, a concerned person whose willingness to help those in need knows no bounds, Mardest Knowles VanHooks is highly regarded as a professional and friend in Memphis and has never wavered in her commitment to helping others; and

WHEREAS, Mardest VanHooks is the perfect example of a person totally committed to family and the highest ideals of public service and should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby honor and commend Missionary Mardest Knowles VanHooks for meritorious service to the Memphis community and salute her commitment to equality for all.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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